

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson
D. Fisher
J. Smith

P. Cousins
J. Semifero
R. Tell

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes - August 24, 2009

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the Regular Council Minutes of August 24, 2009 with the following corrections:

Page 1, G add deficit after budget and remove with a reduction
Page 3, K-2 delete Fisher as motion supporter and add Carson

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Carson; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the addition of item J-3, Consideration of request from Dexter High School to hold the Annual Homecoming Parade on Village Roads on September 25, 2009 from 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

Berry & Associates request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:32 pm. Julie Olson of 8451 Sandfield Court, Dexter and employee of Berry & Associates spoke of celebrating 20 years in business in Dexter and appreciated the support of the Village of Dexter. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 pm.

ACTION – Consideration of: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST
FROM BERRY & ASSOCIATES FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATE FOR REAL AND PERSONAL
PROPERTY

Motion Fisher: support Carson to approve the request from Berry & Associates for an industrial facilities exemption certificate for real and personal property investments locates at 2434 Bishop Circle East, Dexter, Michigan for a period of six years.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Mark Ouimet, County Commissioner, spoke on the Breakfast Meeting with Spark in Chelsea on September 11, 2009. The meeting with various groups from Western Washtenaw was well received.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Comcast Letter
3. August Citation Report

I. REPORTS

1. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. In addition Ms. Bishop highlighted that she is looking for direction on the Community Connection Initiative Grant for funding of element 3A of the Mill Creek Park Master Plan and mentioned the ECT Sampling results. Ms. Bishop also mentioned the September 24th URS/Washtenaw County Parks Board and Commission meeting at the Dexter Library and the October 5th Public Hearing on sign ordinances.

2. Economic Development Consultant – Shawn Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Ferguson highlighted the diversity of businesses in the Dexter community and he drew attention to the need for business expansion and job retention programs for Dexter.

3. Assistant Village Manager – Courtney Nicholls

Ms. Nicholls submits her report as per packet. Ms. Nicholls gave updates on the following: chip sealing was completed today, work was started in Dexter Crossings last week, pumpkin painting will continue in October at the Farmers Market, met with Capt. Dettling on Hazard Mitigation, the health care program from the State of Michigan does affect the Village, and responded to question regarding the Police Services Steering Committee report.

4. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”
Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Representatives – Audrey Becker/Paul Cousins

Mr. Cousins introduced members of the committee in attendance. Ms. Becker reviewed the preliminary budget for the Arts, Culture & Heritage committee along with proposed programs.

5. Subcommittee Reports - None

6. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition Mrs. Dettling mentioned that the Sheriff's Office has delayed implementation of the proactive patrol police services contract and will instead address the issue with current resources, the Downtown Development Authority has put together a work group for the DAPCO property redevelopment, Jeffords project does not have the soil erosion permit as of yet, looking to have the Forest/Alley project finished by September 30th baring bad weather, and the power behind the bank and hardware will be shut down on September 23rd to facilitate the transfer to the underground system.

7. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough gave an update on the regional fire department discussion meeting among leaders from Western Washtenaw County on the afternoon of September 23rd, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has changed their meeting time to 7:30 am on the third Thursday of the month at the Senior Center, and the DDA passed a resolution to give \$150,000 for the development of Mill Creek Park for the construction of element 3A of the Mill Creek Park Plan.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$279,707.11
2. Consideration of: Request from the Dexter Lions to use Monument Park and close Central Street between Main and 5th for Apple Daze from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 3, 2009
3. Consideration of: Request from Dexter High School to hold the Annual Homecoming Parade on Village Roads on September 25, 2009 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2 and 3 of the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Main Street Bridge Phase II Funding Updates (Viaduct Replacement)

Mr. Carson reported that Washtenaw Area Transportation Study will not be applying for a funding grant as it will take too much time and cost to prepare such

a grant. It was suggested that Viaduct Replacement be added to Main Street Bridge Phase II. This item will be removed from the agenda until such a time as an update is necessary.

2. Discussion of: Facilities – Information should be available for 9-28-09 meeting

Ms. Nicholls reviewed the use of the bond money to be spent or obligated.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Resolution in Support of Incorporation as a Home Rule City

Motion Tell; support Carson be it hereby resolved that the Village Council does hereby support and authorize that the petition be submitted to the State Boundary Commission to Incorporate the Village into a Home Rule City. Be it further resolved, that the Village Council does hereby request and urge that the State Boundary Commission and all other necessary governmental entities, after public hearing, approve and Order that the Village of Dexter be incorporated as a Home Rule City.

Prior to the vote, Assistant Manager Nicholls reviewed the part of the process of becoming a city that covers the opportunity for public input and their opportunity to vote on the issue.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: Smith

Motion carries 6 to 1

2. Consideration of: Dexter Retail/Mixed Use Office Combined Site Plan of Colorbok Redevelopment Phase 1

Motion Cousins; support Semifero that based upon the Planning Commission's recommendation, information received from the applicant and in conformance with Section 21.04(E)3 of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance, the Village Council finds the Dexter Retail / Mixed Use Office combined site plan dated 8-13-09 meets the requirement to approve the combined site plan. In making this determination, the following additional condition shall apply: applicable concerns noted in the planning consultant, engineering consultant and DAFD reviews included in the September 14, 2009 Village Council packet.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Amendment of Zoning Ordinance, Section 20, Schedule of Regulations

Motion Tell; support Carson to adopt the proposed amendments to Article 20, Schedule of Regulations to add dimensional standard for the PP Public Park zoning designation because documentation has been provided by staff and the Village's planning consultant that the ordinance should provide standards for the regulation of the construction of structures, etc. within the PP district.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

4. Discussion of: Potential Funding Opportunity for Mill Creek Park

Ms. Bishop reviewed the Sustain Our Great Lakes Program to restore, enhance and protect wetlands and asked for direction for selecting the appropriate grant within the parameters of \$250,000.

5. Discussion of: Town Hall Meeting

Ms. Nicholls announced that the post cards to Village residents went out today.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Semifero	Encouraged a re-look at Police Services
Fisher	Important for citizens in the community to be able to find out information on city hood and would like more detail on the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee and how they work.
Smith	None
Jones	None
Cousins	Would like a re-look at the connector from the old Village to Meadowview – need to look connected and complete. Need to enter into a discussion with the Post Office to have a drive-up drop box. This Thursday and Friday there will be a special performance at The Encore Theatre for \$15. Thursday evening is the Huron River Watershed Council's fund raiser and this year it is in Dexter.
Carson	None
Tell	None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Charles Van Heck of 437 Cambridge Drive, Dexter stated that in light of current economy, the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee should look into getting donations before asking for funding; referenced a situation in Dexter Crossings that Council may want to look into; and suggested that a future Town Hall meeting topic of Disaster Preparedness.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Cousins to adjourn at 10:07 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: October 12, 2009